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SUBJECT: OASGA-15 VENEZUELAN FONMIN' S SPEECH

1. FONMIN CALVANI WOUND UP GENERAL DEBATE WITH EXTEMPO-  
RANEOUS DISCOURSE ON HIS OWN AGENDA ITEM- MISSION AND  
PURPOSE OF OAS IN TODAY' S WORLD. THOUGH HE BY NOW HAD  
LITTLE NEW LIGHT TO SHED ON TOPIC HIS SYNTHESIS OF IDEAS  
PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED AND HIS CONCILIATORY MANNER AND  
WELL BALANCED COMMENTS EARNED HIM SESSION' S WARMEST  
APPLAUSE. PROMISING TO PASS AROUND 35- PAGE PAPER EXPANDING  
ON HIS " REFLECTIONS," CALVANI SUMMARIZED A FEW:

REGIONAL ORGANIZATION LIKE OAS SEEMS NECESSARY, EVEN  
IF ONLY BECAUSE AMERICA IS GEOGRAPHIC UNITY. BUT ITS  
LIMITS SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED: " REGION" IS MORE COMPLEX  
CONCEPT THAN MERE GEOGRAPHY AND INCLUDES CULTURAL,  
SOCIO- POLITICAL, AND ECONOMIC FACTORS.

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OAS CONTRADICTIONS INCLUDE MEMBERSHIP OF THREE  
DISTINCT GROUPINGS OF SOMETIMES CONFLICTING INTERESTS,  
U. S., LATIN, AND ANGLO- CARIBBEAN; AND IT POSES SUPERPOWER  
WITH GLOBAL INTERESTS IN SITUATION OF SUPPOSED JURIDICAL  
EQUALITY WITH UNDERDEVELOPED STATES. RESULTING STRAINS  
SHOW UP IN POLITICAL CONDITIONS ON AID AND IN COLONIAL  
MENTALITY AMONG MANY LATINS.

TREND TOWARD LATIN UNITY IS HISTORICAL FACT, A  
CONSTRUCTIVE ASPECT OF NATIONALISM. REPRESENTS PURSUIT  
OF LATIN IDENTITY, SELF- AWARENESS-- NOT FOR OR AGAINST  
ANYTHING BUT MERELY DETERMINATION OF LATINS TO BE THEM-  
SELVES, FREE FROM OUTSIDE TUTELAGE.

REALTIONS WITH DEVELOPED WORLD SHOULD BE LIKE THOSE  
OF UNIONIZED WORKERS WITH MANAGEMENT, BARGAINING ONE- TO-  
ONE FOR BETTER DEAL.

INTER- AMERICAN SYSTEM OFFERS FORUM FOR SUCH BAR-  
GAINING. WE SHOULD OVERCOME ITS DEFECTS, NOT SCRAP IT,  
BECAUSE DIALOGUE WITH U. S. IS ESSENTIAL. TRICK IS TO  
MAKE DIALOGUE USEFUL AND FRANK, AND THIS IS WHAT OUR  
STUDY AND ANALYSIS OF SYSTEM SHOULD AIM FOR. ROGERS

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